

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Beutler, can you answer a few questions for me.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Now when a company that is already established in Nebraska or one that is coming in, aren't there...don't they have to make application if they are going to...say, they are a packing plant and they are going to have to dispose of the paunch manure and things like that, don't they have to apply somewhere so that they are not polluting any underground water and so on? Do they have to bring up their plans?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Oh, absolutely. There is an extremely detailed permitting process that goes on with DEQ, whether it's with respect to point source solution of water or with respect to air, clean air. Whatever their processes may be, if they are going to emit a pollutant into the air or into the water, there is an elaborate process they have to go through. So this amendment might give some early warning to the Governor or whoever was making the decision, but all that's required there will be gone through in much greater detail under our current law.

SENATOR JANSSEN: So with the Dierks amendment, we actually aren't doing anything that we aren't already doing. They still have to explain what types of chemicals or pollutants they are going to put in the air or the water, either one.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Absolutely.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Any further discussion on the Dierks amendment? Senator Preister

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I would just add to the dialogue that we have just heard from Senator Janssen that with this amendment people will know before the fact rather than after the fact; that although it is being done, with this amendment as I read and understand it, people who would be notified and would have concerns could raise them ahead of time, that they would have information earlier, and that there would be an earlier alert. Thank you.